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*Broad Nuclear Definition - Fiscal Year 2002
With Parent Company/Prime Contractor
Cross References*



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All Department of Defense contracts. *This designation includes all vendors to the Department, whether military related or not. Therefore, this category might include Hershey's Chocolate or IBM, even though neither company makes weapons. When the DOD publishes its Top 100 contractors list, this is the category they use.*

Military Systems. *All military systems (all weapons-related systems and non-weapons military systems designed to use in battlefield situations including launch & guidance systems, delivery, deployment, transport, refueling, and command, control and communications systems, their components, maintenance, testing, research & development). This category, and all the categories listed below, include contracts with the U.S. Department of Energy for nuclear weapons and weapons systems.*

Weapons Systems. *All weapons systems (weapons, weapons systems including launch & guidance systems, delivery and deployment, their components, maintenance, testing, research & development.) This classification would include both a weapon and a vehicle that transports the weapon.*

Nuclear Weapons Systems. *Nuclear weapons (nuclear weapons systems, their components, maintenance, testing, research and development including launch and guidance systems, delivery and deployment systems, testing facilities and components of the above.) This category includes all of the systems and components necessary for building, guiding, deploying and detonating a nuclear device as well as the device itself. THIS IS THE DEFINITION USED IN THIS REPORT.*

Nuclear Weapons. *Nuclear weapons (their components, maintenance, testing, research and development.) This classification identifies only the components of the nuclear device itself and the missile or bomb that contains it. The dividing line that distinguishes this category from the nuclear weapons systems category is that components in the Nuclear Weapons (vs. Nuclear Systems) category are destroyed upon detonation of a nuclear device.*

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